Podiatry Residency Program Information

Podiatry Residency Program Details
- PMSR w/RRA 3 year program
- Fully approved by the Council for Podiatric Medical Education
- 2 first year positions open each year
- Stipend: PG1, PG2 and PG3
- Annual and sick leave provided
- Health, life, disability, vision and dental insurance available
- Surgical case participation in all training years
- Meets training requirements for Board Qualification/Certification examinations in foot surgery by the ABFAS; reconstructive rear foot/ankle surgery by the ABFAS; and podiatric medicine and orthopedics by the ABPM

General Information
- Website: http://www.Danville.va.gov/services/Podiatric_Residency_Clerkship_Programs.asp
- Full scope of surgical cases - forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, forefoot & rearfoot reconstruction, Charcot reconstruction, foot & ankle trauma, limb salvage and arthroscopy.
- Full scope of surgical cases - diabetic foot care, wound care, biomechanics and orthopedics, clinic nail procedures, injection therapy.
- Ability to follow surgical patients pre-operatively and post-operatively
- Wound Care Center experiences.
- Hospital rotation sites include the Carle Hospital, Presence Hospital, Christie clinic and Foot and Ankle Specialist.
- Teaching experience – Help to train students in the clinic and present at grand rounds and M&M while on multiple hospital services.
- Well-rounded general medical education with rotations in: internal medicine, infectious disease, anesthesia, pathology, microbiology, physical medicine & rehabilitation, neurology, rheumatology, behavioral science, radiology, orthopedics, general surgery, vascular surgery and plastic surgery.

Podiatry Residency Program Rotations
- Infectious Disease
- Internal Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pathology/Microbiology
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- Neurology
- Rheumatology
- Behavioral Science
- Radiology
- Orthopedics
- General Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Podiatric Medicine
- Podiatry Surgery
- Carle Hospital
- Presence Hospital
- Christi Clinic
- Foot and Ankle Specialist
Podiatry Clerkship Program Information

VA Illiana Medical Center offers a month long Clerkship Program in podiatric medicine & surgery.

Podiatry students work closely with our resident and attending staff in every aspect of patient care. Experiences during the clerkship include podiatry clinic, podiatry surgery, podiatry inpatient rounds, podiatry inpatient consults, podiatry board review lecture and journal club.

Located in Central Illinois – Danville is located ½ between the bustling streets of Chicago and Indianapolis, Indiana.

The VA podiatry clinic is well constructed for excellent patient care. Each room includes a computer with electronic medical records, digital x-rays and internet access. Board review courses are available in the library.

The VAMC Campus includes multiple buildings over a widespread area. On campus facilities include an acute hospital building with multiple inpatient medical, surgical and psychiatric wards, a library, and multiple long term care facilities. On campus housing is available to students who rotate for 1 month.

Podiatric Clerkship Program Description
This is a 1 month hospital based clerkship program. Clerks work closely with the podiatry resident & attending staff while treating inpatients & outpatients. Clerkship training includes:

- Podiatry Clinic
- Inpatient Rounds
- Inpatient Consults
- Biomechanics Clinic
- Wound Care Rounds
- Podiatric Surgery
- Journal Club and Various Lecture Series

Duration of Rotation: 1 month
Months that the program is available: Year Round
Students Accepted: 3rd and 4th year students from all schools
Housing:
- Students are eligible to live in on campus housing while rotating at the VA for 1 month
- Housing free
- Having a car is required

Where to meet on Day 1 of your clerkship: Podiatry clinic 98-2 at 6:30 am.
Frequently Asked Questions for Podiatry Residency and Clerkship Programs

Q: Is the residency program fully approved by the Council for Podiatric Medical Education?
A: Yes. The PMSR w/ RRA program gained council approval beginning on August 15, 2016.

Q: Is participating in the clerkship program essential to attaining the residency program?
A: No. The clerkship program is an educational training experience aimed at enhancing clinic training of students in their third and fourth years of podiatry school. However, the clerkship experience also gives the resident & attending staff the opportunity to get to know who you are as a person as well as assess your ability to be a team player and your knowledge of podiatric medicine and surgery in a variety of situations. If you are do not have time to do a clerkship, visiting the program would be beneficial as well.

Q: Can the clerkship hurt my chances of attaining one of the open residency positions?
A: Yes and no. If you demonstrate problems with attitude, teamwork, attendance, punctuality, preparedness, it will not help your chances. Conversely, if you perform well, it will increase your chances of being selected.

Q: Do I have to interview for the residency if I have completed the clerkship?
A: Yes. If you wish to be a candidate for a residency position, you will need to participate in the interviews held at the CRIP. This will provide you the opportunity to show continued growth as a student and share experiences that have you had between your time as a clerk and the interview. This will also give you the opportunity to summarize your reasons and desires for wanting to participate in this program at the resident level.

Q: Can I interview at the hospital?
A: Residents can interview at the hospital after the CRIP Match.

Q: Does the residency program select students only from certain schools?
A: No. Applications from all podiatry schools are considered equally. We give no preference to any particular school(s).

Q: Is there a website with more information about the residency?
A: Yes. It is http://www.Danville.va.gov/services/Podiatric_Residency_Clerkship_Programs.asp

Q: Do you accept 3rd year students as clerks?
A: Yes. We gladly accept both 3rd and 4th year students to participate in the clerkship program.

Q: Are presentations required for your clerks?
A: Yes. At the end of the month clerkship, you will be required to present a 20 minute long presentation on the topic of your choice (after it has been approved).

Q: What is the application process to be an extern?
A. The application process for the extern is to contact us at either one of the following e-mail addresses: VHADANPODIATRYRESIDENCYPROGRAM@DVA.GOV
Q: Does the scope of practice in Illinois limit the experiences of the residents in regards to rearfoot, reconstruction and ankle training?

A: No. Our residents work with diverse attendings to obtain experiences in this area, including orthopedic surgeons.

Q: This is a VA based program, will I get to see any women or children?
A: YES! There are many female veterans today, so we treat them at the VA. We rotate through Carle Hospital, Presence Hospital, Christi Clinic and Foot and Ankle Specialist to work with the pediatric attending’s. In addition, we rotate through other hospitals and surgery centers where woman and children are treated.

Email us with your questions or comments:
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